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## Blue Grass Chemical Activity

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### Second Mustard Agent Leak Detected at Blue Grass Army Depot

**BLUE GRASS ARMY DEPOT, Ky.** A second minor Mustard vapor leak was detected this morning during routine chemical agent monitoring. This new leak is in a separate igloo also filled with artillery shells. The igloo will have a filter attached to the rear vent to prevent any agent vapor from escaping into the outside atmosphere. Preparations to isolate the leaking artillery shell have been started, and when the leaking munition is located, it will be placed in an overpack container to prevent further leaking.

The initial leak detected on July 6<sup>th</sup> is undergoing leaker isolation procedures. It too has a filter attached to prevent outside air contamination.

The presence of two separate leaking munitions has occurred previously. The leaks are not related in any way. Warmer weather is often a factor that causes Mustard leakers.

Neither leak poses any danger or risk to the citizens of Madison or surrounding counties. The Madison County Emergency Management Agency and the Commonwealth of Kentucky Emergency Management Agency were notified of the leak within five minutes of its detection.

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